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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800**PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Peter D. BREWER) Examiner: Thanhha S. Pham
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Serial No.: 10/787,276) Art Unit: 2813
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For: "SELF-MASKING DEFECT) Date: September 5, 2006
REMOVING METHOD")
) Re: Amendment and response

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The Applicant submits an amendment and reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the final Office Action mailed on July 3, 2006, a response to which is initially to be filed, without extension of time, no later than

October 3, 2006.